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*Horse and Travelling allowances to Assistant Inspectors of Salt, Abkari and Customs Department.*

939 Q.—Mr. B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Assistant Inspectors of the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, in charge of circles are not drawing the horse allowance of Rs. 25 while other Assistant Inspectors of the department are drawing the same allowance ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Assistant Inspectors in charge of circles are gazetted officers, and if so, why they are not allowed to draw the travelling allowance of a gazetted officer ?

A.—(a) Assistant Inspectors who are required to keep horses for use in the course of their duties are granted an allowance of Rs. 25 a month. An account question has been raised within the last few days as to whether, for purposes of this order, an Assistant Inspector in charge of a circle is to be reckoned as an Assistant Inspector or as an Inspector, and is under disposal.

(b) Under the new Travelling Allowance Rules the grade of an officer for purposes of the travelling allowance is regulated by his pay and not by his status, whether gazetted or otherwise.

*Communal representation in Ganjām and Vizagapatam.*

940 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Muhammadans employed in Ganjām and Vizagapatam districts and in the following departments with their rank and pay :—

- (1) Revenue Department,
- (2) Civil Judicial Department,
- (3) Registration Department,
- (4) Salt, Abkārī and Customs Department, and
- (5) Co-operative Department ; and

(b) the steps taken to give adequate communal representation to Muhammadans in the above said departments ?

A.—As regards gazetted officers the hon. Member is referred to the Annual Civil List. The number of Non-Gazetted officers drawing Rs. 35 and above will be shown in the return ordered in G.O. No. 658, dated 15th August 1922.

*The effect of the time-scale of pay to clerks in the Secretariat.*

941 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that an assurance was given by the Member for Finance in the Legislative Council at the time of the introduction of the time-scale of pay that individual cases of hardship under the new scale of pay would be sympathetically considered ;

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(2) whether it is a fact that a large number of clerks in the Secretariat with a permanent or acting service of over two years in the upper division, prior to 1st March 1921, have been required to remain on the minimum pay in the time-scale for two years without the chance of an increment, as if they were new entrants to service after 1st March 1921 ;

(3) whether memorials have been received from these men praying to be exempted from the necessity of being on the maximum pay for two years and to be permitted to earn their increment after one year's service on the minimum pay ; whether these memorials were brought to the notice of the Member for Finance ; and

(4) whether in the case of the Board's office, clerks promoted from the lower division to the upper division have been exempted from the necessity of staying on the minimum pay of the upper division for two years ?

A.—(1) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 896.

(2) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 297.

(3) Eight petitions have been received and disposed of.

(4) The scale of pay in the Board's office is not the same as in the Secretariat.

*Supplementary grants.*

942 Q.—Mr. M. RATNASWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) The total amount of supplementary grants asked for and voted during the current session ; and

(2) The total amount of supplementary grants so voted under each of the following heads :

Education, Law and Justice, Revenue, Agriculture and Industries ?

A.—The information is available in the proceedings of the Council.

*Estimated expenditure for the three years from 1921 to 1924.*

943 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing in one view—

(1) the total of estimated expenditure under each major head of account during each of the three years from 1921–22 to 1923–24 ;

(2) the amounts allotted for expenditure under “voted” and “non-voted” both in the reserved and transferred subjects ;

(3) the percentage of each of such allotments to total estimated expenditure under each major head of account ; and

(4) the percentages of the total allotments under “voted” and “non-voted” both in the reserved and the transferred departments under all major heads to the total estimated expenditure in the budget of these three years ?

A.—The hon. Member has already the materials for the statement he desires in the Civil Budget estimates which are available to him.